

It is proposed to put up in New York city the largest business building in the world. It will be constructed of steel, twenty-six stories high, containing 1,625 offices and costing \$4,000,000.

A CORRESPONDENT of a newspaper in Boston wants the state to go into the insurance business and make insurance compulsory upon a married man who can pass the requisite physical examination.

MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN OSBORNE, of Knoxville, Tenn., are soon to celebrate the seventy-second anniversary of their marriage. They are respectively 101 and 92 years of age, and have 290 descendants.

PNEUMATIC MAIL DELIVERY is no longer an experiment. It has been in use for some time in several European cities, and American invention has overcome all the difficulties of switching off the mail and turning corners.

A MEMBER of the Prussian diet makes a proposition to split the difference with France and cede back Lorraine to her on condition that she enters a bond to compel Russia to disarm, with a view to the disarmament of Europe.

A BOSTON firm is constructing a photographic telescope for Harvard university which will probably be the largest and finest instrument of the kind ever designed. Its aperture will be 24 inches, and its focal length 11 feet.

The news from the northwest is that the Great Northern railroad in its extension from Assinaboine west has nearly reached Lake Pend d'Oreille, about fifty miles from Spokane, and that by July 1, 1892, its lines will be complete to Seattle, making the seventh transcontinental line.

The case of F. C. Almy, the slayer of Miss Christie Warden, at Hanover, N. H., ought to serve as a warning to young women who encourage moon-struck cranks too far along the paths of love before they find them out. There are not a few men like Almy, who, as rejected or discarded suitors, are liable to become violent and dangerous.

PREMIER RUDINI has not lost the bumpkins qualities he displayed in connection with the New Orleans affair. He has notified the governments of Germany, England and France that Italy will co-operate with those nations in enforcing respect for their subjects' rights in China, and if they will not act, Italy will send her own fleet to China to protect Italian subjects there.

"THERE are only 474 foreign merchants in China, and the whole number of foreign residents will only reach 7,905. Of the merchants 290 are English, 27 are Americans, 72 are Germans and 20 are French. Of the population 3,576 are English, 1,161 are Americans, 590 are Germans and 557 are French. There are also 26 mercantile establishments owned by Japanese, and there are 734 subjects of the mikado residing in the empire.

The White Star steamship Teutonic, which has beaten all previous records in crossing the Atlantic, is one of the ships built under agreement with the British admiralty, by which, in case of war, she can be called into the naval service. The owners of these ships receive twenty shillings a ton when not carrying mails, and fifteen when receiving mail pay. This means a subsidy of \$62,500, in addition to \$35,125 a year for carrying the mails.

DR. SHRADY, of New York, declares that hydrophobia is a very rare disease; that he has never yet seen a genuine case, and that the dog-bitten people who flock to the Pasteur institute, in New York, for treatment, are victims of fright and not of rabies. He denounces the Pasteur cure as a delusion which has attained its hold on the people by "curing" thousands of people who are not afflicted by any disease except that of the imagination.

The present prospect is that the United States and the British Provinces in North America will be able to furnish about 250,000,000 bushels of wheat for export, as our crops and those of Canada appear to be even larger than has been supposed. Manitoba promises 25,000,000 bushels for the hungry millions, and, upon the whole, the people of Europe will probably pull through the period of threatened famine in much better shape than was once expected.

The question of trailing dresses has engaged the attention of no less a body than the supreme sanitary board of Vienna. The district police commissioners were officially asked their opinion as to whether dresses sweeping in the mud and dust were injurious to health. The reply was that they were injurious for two reasons. The first was that they caused a dust which injured the throat, eyes and lungs of passers-by. Second, the obnoxious trains gathered germs which, on being taken home, could not fail to spread disease in the family.

DRESS reform has reached Boston and a rainy day street costume for ladies is to be introduced which will include among its leading features short skirts and light top boots, to wrinkle above the ankle like riding boots. Corsets are to be discarded and the skirt is to be advocated. While the length of the skirt will be to some extent a matter for each woman to decide, the suggestion is made "that it may come down to the top of the present walking boot, or it may be four or five inches shorter." The reform is expected to excite considerable comment in the American Athens.

CURRENT TOPICS.

A BALTIMORE mulatto is turning pink.
HENRY CLEWS has a \$40,000 bath-room.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS is to be made a saint.

MME. DE LESSEPS is 40 years younger than her husband.

THE Russian language is to be taught in Japanese schools.

Two New York doctors caught diphtheria from patients.

AUSTRALIA is getting up an expedition to the South Pole.

BRET HARTE's English publishers last year paid him \$15,000.

THE highest altitude ever reached by a balloon was seven miles.

PEACHES are so plentiful in Delaware that they are being fed to hogs.

In forty years the run across the Atlantic has been reduced one-half.

THE splendid crops at the far west have awakened a demand for farming land.

THE crop prospects in India are growing worse, though the long-continued rain has ceased.

A CATTLE range in Washington is over three hundred miles long and two hundred miles wide.

THE prince of Wales is growing so stout that his corpulence excites the critical comment of his friends.

EX-EMPEROR EUGENIE, the kind-hearted widow of Napoleon III., has failed visibly during the last few months.

HAIRSTONES do not occur in well-wooded districts, according to the observations of a noted Swiss forester.

THE total area of Chicago is 181.5 square miles, or 116,000 acres, being the largest area of any city in the world.

PENNSYLVANIA oil men have leased 9,000 acres of land around Alleghen, Mich., and will bore six wells for oil at once.

It is estimated that there are at the present time in this country more than 10,000,000 cows, valued at about \$350,000,000.

THE recent revival of the scheme to colonize our colored population in Liberia is traceable to the transportation companies.

MR. BLAINE's wealth has been placed about \$750,000 by a friend who has been associated with him in business enterprises.

ANY engineer can say, after an accident, "the air-brakes failed to work," and the air-brakes can not always contradict him.

For the next ten years the bulk of spruce timber in Maine will be made into pulp. Spruce makes tougher paper than poplar.

At the ripe old age of 81 Senator Morrill, of Vermont, plays skittles, and, gun in hand, roams the hills for small game.

THE British government has notified China that henceforth English officers will not be allowed to serve in the Chinese navy.

ARCTURUS is 550,000 times as large as the sun and 11,500,000 times as far away from the sun as the earth. Its diameter is 70,000,000 miles.

ELECTRIC pleasure boats are in use in many places. Storage batteries are used in them, although the novelty is somewhat expensive.

THE present has been a very successful year for bees in Colorado, and that state is aspiring to rival California in the production of honey.

"THOUSANDS of frogs' legs are shipped from Mt. Clemens, Mich., daily. The hunters make from three to four dollars a day gathering them.

At the little meeting of a few New York capitalists in a Broadway office, the other afternoon, \$24,000,000 was raised on the spot to help the Union Pacific.

THE bureau of American republics is informed that the shipments of coffee from Rio Janeiro during the six months ended June 30, 1891, amounted to 1,062,299 bags.

THOUSANDS of mackerel are being taken in the shallow coves of Penobscot bay by people who wade into the water and fairly shovel the struggling fish ashore.

It is now explained that the emperor of Germany's long seclusion was due not to his injuries, but to his desire to grow a beard without becoming an object of ridicule.

FREDERICK K. RINDGE, of Cambridge, Mass., has within the last three years given to charitable, religious and municipal institutions more than \$3,000,000. He inherited his money.

ONE person in every 262 in the United States is insane. The proportion of insane to sane persons is smallest in the rural districts of England, where the average is one in about 800.

THE fact that a Pittsburgh physician has declared that diseases are often transmitted by a kiss, is not likely to have much of a prohibitory influence on that old-fashioned, all around sport.

THERE have been seven marriages among the female clerks of a New York weekly paper in seven years, and they each occupied the same desk, which has become a greatly prized one among the remaining clerks.

A LACYNNE (Kan.) woman has a sheet ninety years old which was the property of her grandmother in Ohio, and was made from flax woven at the beginning of the century. She will send it to the World's fair.

WALTER WINANS, the American millionaire, has made a wonderful record with his favorite revolver. At a distance of twenty yards, with a disappearing target, he scored forty points out of a possible forty-two.

DR. WM. A. HAMMOND says that even well to do Americans require more rest than any other people in the world, and get less. He thinks human beings should have a succession of labors and diversions as a farm has rotation of crops.

THE undertaker who furnished Mrs. Polk's coffin performed the same service for President Polk, forty-three years ago. The casket was what the undertakers call the "monarch" style, which is reserved for "state occasions." It was of red cedar, with copper lining and silver trimming, supported by Norman columns covered with black broadcloth.

The News Condensed.

Important Intelligence From All Parts.

DOMESTIC.

FROSTS in the northwest greatly damaged wheat and other crops. In portions of Minnesota and the Dakotas ice formed, the thermometer marking four degrees below the freezing point. Mrs. H. M. HITCHCOCK, of New Haven, Conn., has presented \$275,000 to the Yale preparatory school, which she founded, and in addition has given the school seventy-five acres of land.

OHIO property had an assessed valuation of \$24,349,580,804 in 1890, against a valuation of \$16,902,993,543 in 1880.

CASHIER LAWRENCE, of the Keystone bank in Philadelphia, has confessed that the books of the bank were altered to deceive Examiner Drew.

CLARENCE F. HUTCH, of Pennsylvania, was elected president of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at the national camp at Philadelphia.

ON the Bound Brook railroad between Neshaminy Falls and Leghorn, Pa., an engine drawing three coaches ran 5 miles in 3 minutes 26 4-5 seconds and 1 mile in 39 4-5 seconds, or at the rate of 90 miles an hour, the fastest time ever made by a railroad train.

AT the national encampment in Minneapolis of the Sons of Veterans Barlow S. Weeks, of New York, was elected commander in chief.

THE Bremker-Moore Paper Company of Louisville, Ky., made an assignment, with liabilities of \$200,000.

AT Independence, Ia., Nancy Hanks, a Kentucky mare, trotted three straight heats in 3:12, 2:12 1/2, and 2:12, breaking all trotting race records.

GEORGIA'S legislature, by a vote of 94 to 62, declined to accept the confederate veterans' home, an institution built with private funds.

JAMES BURNS and his daughter Alice were found dead in their house about 9 miles from Red Oak, Mich. It was thought they took their own lives.

A. J. MONTGOMERY and two brothers named Jarvis were killed by Milton Kendall and his four sons in a street fight in Georgetown, Ky.

A CALL for a statehood convention to be held at Oklahoma City September 24 next has been issued by the Commercial club of that city.

A PASSENGER train on the Western North Carolina railroad jumped a trestle and went to the bottom of a deep ravine near Statesville, killing forty passengers and injuring thirty others, nine seriously.

AT Ironton, O., in a joking way Mrs. Tillie Reckman pointed a revolver supposed to be unloaded in the face of Mrs. Dora May, who was visiting her from Ashland, Ky. The weapon went off, killing Mrs. May instantly.

LIZZIE WILSON, 33 years old, fatally poisoned herself and her child in Philadelphia.

IN the United States the business failures during the seven days ended on the 28th numbered 226, against 210 the preceding week and 189 for the corresponding week last year.

A CLOUDBURST in Rensselaer county, N. Y., did damage estimated at \$250,000. Three persons were drowned.

GEN. R. S. DYRENFORTH, who conducted the recent government rain experiments in Texas, says the experiments were correct beyond question. In three weeks six rains were produced, three of which were downpours, and the last one was the heaviest rain in three years.

MOXBARS, a 2-year-old colt, trotted a mile in 2:20 at Independence, Ia., breaking the world's record of 2:21 1/2, made by Regal Wilkes. Direct paced a mile in 2:09 1/4.

A FIRE of incendiary origin destroyed almost one square of business houses at Danville, Ind.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER has sent letters to the postmasters in every county seat in the United States asking them to visit each office in their counties and make reports upon their observations.

JOHN BAXTER, a New York painter, killed his wife and two children and then committed suicide.

FRANK DUDLEY, a negro, was lynched at Georgetown, Ky., by a mob of white men for murder.

WALTER CARR & Co., produce dealers in New York, failed for \$100,000.

CHARLES MULLIGAN, a negro who assassinated Ike Frauenthal, a leading Jewish merchant at Conway, Ark., was shot to death by a mob.

THE United Brethren church at Bourbon, Ind., was totally destroyed by dynamite. There was no clew to the cause or perpetrators.

CORNELIUS VAN DERHOOF and his little son were drowned near Holland, Mich., by the capsizing of a sloop.

THE American Bar Association in session at Boston adopted a resolution recommending the passage by each state of an act for the promotion of uniform state laws.

A TORNAO swept over the lower part of Newark, N. J., wrecking many buildings.

THE first reunion of the survivors of the Blackhawk war, which occurred in Illinois fifty-nine years ago, was held at Lena, Ill., on the 28th.

ELECTRIC cars collided in Denver, fatally injuring Engineer William Morrison and Mrs. Lockwood, a passenger.

IN the National league the percentages of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 29th ult. were: Chicago, .617; Boston, .587; New York, .561; Philadelphia, .524; Brooklyn, .491; Cleveland, .449; Pittsburgh, .410; Cincinnati, .396. The percentages in clubs of the American association were: Boston, .704; St. Louis, .633; Baltimore, .559; Athletic, .510; Columbus, .455; Milwaukee, .423; Washington, .347; Louisville, .340.

GOV. STEELE, of Oklahoma, has received a message from Secretary Noble saying that the Cherokee lands will not be opened to settlement till September 15.

MISSOURI bankers met at Lebanon and organized a state association.

MAJ. WILLIAM TILMAN, late cashier of the broken Falls City bank of Louisville, Ky., and one of the most prominent men in that city socially, has fled to Canada with nearly \$100,000 of the bank's money.

At the leading clearing-house in the United States the exchanges during the week ended on the 29th ult. aggregated \$954,284,571, against \$1,038,373,774 the previous week. As compared with the corresponding week of 1890 the decrease amounted to \$8.1.

FLAMES in the building of the Automatic Canning Company in San Francisco caused a loss of \$100,000.

Mrs. L. LANGDALE and her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Ludwick, were struck by an engine while crossing the track at Creston, Ia., and ground to pieces under the wheels.

NEAR Brush Creek, Mo., two freight trains going at full speed collided, killing four men and demolishing both trains.

A FIRE devastated the whole country from Faulkton, Faulk county, S. D., 50 miles to the northwest and 20 miles in width. Nothing was saved and the farmers were ruined. Not less than twenty townships were desolated.

AT Nations, Pa., the bicarbonate department of the Pennsylvania Salt Company was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$100,000.

TWELVE blocks of business houses in the public square at Quinn, Tex., were destroyed by fire.

ROBERT GARVINGER, of Portland, Ind., while cutting a string slipped and fell on the point of his knife, which cut one of his eyeballs in two.

CENSUS figures make the total population of Alaska 31,000, divided as follows: Aleuts, 900; Indians, 5,000; Eskimoes, 12,000; Chinese, 2,300; whites, 4,800. This is a decrease of 2,000 in ten years.

JOHN RUTTIMAN and his little daughter were killed by the cars at Dearborn, Mich.

A PEARL field has been discovered at Council Bluffs, Ia., and a large number of the precious stones have already been found.

JACK HOGAN fell 2,500 feet from a balloon at the Detroit exposition grounds and was instantly killed. His brother was killed in the same way two years ago.

FLAMES destroyed over \$100,000 worth of business property at Winnemucca, Nev.

TRAINS collided at Lodi, O., and ten persons were injured, but none fatally. It was announced that the wool product of Ohio would amount to 26,000,000 pounds this year.

TWO HUMAN skeletons of giant size were unearthed at Lakewood, N. Y., by workmen. The thigh bone of one was 30 inches long.

THE visible supply of grain in the United States on the 31st ult. was: Wheat, 19,124,841 bushels; corn, 5,611,573 bushels; oats, 2,439,613 bushels.

RUMSEY BROS. & Co., the oldest firm on the Chicago board of trade, failed with liabilities of \$100,000.

A BUILDING at Palmyra, Mich., undergoing repairs previous to being occupied by a saloon, was blown up by dynamite.

AT Chardon, O., a train dashed into a carriage containing Alanson Knox and his daughter and both were killed.

FIVE persons were instantly killed and thirty seriously injured by the derailing of a passenger train on the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis "Air Line" railroad 2 miles east of Troy, Ind.

MR. AND MRS. HENRY F. BUSHENHAGEN, aged 69 and 71 years, respectively, of Bloomfield, Conn., were murdered by a tramp whom they had given food, and then thrown into a well.

THE extra session of the forty-seventh general assembly of Tennessee began at Nashville.

FIRE destroyed the business part of the town of Ceres, N. Y.

THREE masked burglars held up the cashier of the bank at Corder, Mo., and robbed the safe of \$890.

MAYOR GRANT, of New York, visited the Park place ruins and discovered the remains of two more victims, making sixty-two in all.

BON SIMS and his illicit murderers and distillers, seven in all, were captured near De Soto, Miss.

ALL the union bakers in the United States will strike May 1, 1892, for a reduction of hours and increase of pay.

THE American steamer George E. Starr was seized by revenue officers at Port Townsend, Wash., for smuggling Chinamen into the United States.

THE business part of the village of Yarmouth, Ia., was burned.

O. H. WISELY secretly married a Miss Marvin at midnight near Findlay, O., against her parents' wishes. He then rode home and shot himself through the head.

THE annual report of Mine Inspector John M. Lewis, of Pennsylvania, shows that the total number of fatal accidents the past year was fifty-two, making twenty-four widows and fifty-two orphans.

THE total yield of wheat in North Dakota this season was placed at 51,000,000 bushels, the largest in the history of the state.

THE annual report of the Indiana superintendent of public instruction for the current year shows the total number of school children in the state to be 770,722.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

NEWTON BACON, the oldest member of the masonic order in Wisconsin, died at Oshkosh, aged 90 years. The deceased had been a mason sixty-seven years.

S. C. POMEROY, ex-United States senator from Kansas, died at Whitesville, Mass., aged 76 years.

THE Maryland republicans in state convention at Ocean City nominated W. G. Van Nort, of Kent county, for governor.

Mrs. MARTHA JOHNSON, aged 100 years, died at Syracuse, N. Y.

Mrs. JULIA FILLMORE HARRIS, last survivor of a family of eight brothers and sisters, one of whom was Millard Fillmore, thirteenth president of the United States, died at the residence of her son, Charles Harris, in San Francisco, aged 79 years.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES on the 29th ult. celebrated his 82d birthday at his home in Boston.

JUDGE G. W. SCOFIELD died at Warren, Pa. He was a congressman six terms and register of the United States treasury under President Hayes.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has returned to Cape May from his Vermont tour.

REV. J. W. OLMSTEAD, D. D., editor of the Baptist paper, the Watchman, died at Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.

FOREIGN.

SIXTY deaths occurred on board the steamer which arrived at Singapore with 800 Chinese coolies for the Penang market, cholera breaking out.

FOUR women have been arrested at Szenttamars, Hungary, for murdering their husbands with poison.

DURING a storm in Austria three women were killed by lightning when a church was struck.

A TAME bear which had been trained to drink whisky entered a tavern at Vilna, Russia, and stayed in a keg of spirits. The owner tried to prevent the action and the bear killed him and his three children.

MISS LEONORA MITCHELL, an American actress, died in London.

GEN. WICHOTE, who was said to be the last of the English officers who fought at Waterloo, died in London.

THE governor of Martinique has appealed for assistance for the people of that unfortunate island. In addition to the enormous loss of life in the late hurricane whole villages have disappeared, and the growing crops were almost totally destroyed.

THE wind blew a hurricane at Boulogne, France, and thirty houses were unroofed.

A DISCHARGED employe caused a freight and passenger train to collide at Bubentseh, Bohemia, and twelve persons were killed and many injured in the wreck.

A YOUTH named Ballet, who had been convicted of committing several atrocious murders, was beheaded at Douai, France.

THE steamer Gambier collided with another vessel near Melbourne, Australia, and went to the bottom. Twenty passengers and six of the crew were drowned.

THE United States consul at Valparaiso has informed the authorities in Washington that Balmaceda's power in Chili was broken. His army was crushed after five hours' hard fighting, in which 5,000 men were slain, and was scattered beyond all hope of reorganization. The revolutionists had taken possession of Valparaiso.

CHANGES in the board of directors of the Dublin Freeman's Journal gave the control of that paper to the opponents of Mr. Parnell.

OFFICIAL statistics show that the provincial debts of Italy amount to \$2,980,500,000, and the national debt to \$3,000,000,000.

FIRE destroyed Clark's hotel and a dozen business houses at Onemie, Ont. JAMES GREENWOOD, of Chippewa, Can., was carried over Niagara falls in a sailboat. Pieces of the boat were found, but the body was not recovered.

A MOB took possession of Santiago, Chili, and burned Balmaceda's residence and other property, the loss being over \$1,800,000.

THE Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Japan arrived at Vancouver, B. C., from China and Japan, making the run from Yokohama in ten days, breaking all previous records.

LEONARD C. WIGAN, engraver of the royal mint, died in London. He was the most famous engraver in England.

A TYPHOON in Japan caused the loss of over 200 lives.

TEN miners were killed in a colliery explosion near Redminster, Eng.

DISPATCHES say that Forneau's expedition to explore the valley of Sancha Rayen, central Soudan, and the French Congo was attacked by natives and sixteen were killed and thirty-one wounded.

LATER.

BOND extension operations up to the close of business on the 1st. resulted in the refunding and extension at 3 per cent. of \$25,000,000 of the 4 1/2 per cent. loan, leaving an equal amount to be redeemed.

WHILE near Ballard's reef, Detroit river, on the 1st, the steamship Jenks, loaded with stone, was run into by the steamer George W. Morley and sent to the bottom. The wife of the captain of the Jenks and the engineer and fireman were killed in the collision.

ABOUT 1,000 cabinetmakers employed in fifty shops at Chicago, struck on the 1st for an eight-hour day, the abolition of piece work and a maximum rate of wages.

ONE of the desperadoes who recently robbed the Corder, Mo., bank was captured on the 1st about twenty miles from Corder and half of the stolen money recovered. The officers who had the man in charge were met on their way to Lexington, the county seat, by a mob who lynched the prisoner.

SEVEN men held up the eastbound Denver & Rio Grande passenger train near Cotopaxi, Col., on the night of the 31st ult. and forced the fireman of the locomotive to break in the doors of the baggage car. After a determined resistance by the express messenger he was overpowered, \$3,600 was taken from the safe and the robbers escaped.

POLICEMAN JOHN J